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TAGS: PINS, CASC (SMUTS, BARBARA) (SMITH, KENNETH STEVEN)

(HUNTER, CARRIE JANE)

SUBJECT: KIDNAPPED AMERICANS: PRESS STATEMENT

REF: STATE 176996

1. STANFORD REP AND STUDENTS HAVE DECIDED HOLD NO RPT NO PRESS
CONFERENCE IN DAR. DR. DAVID HAMBURG, STANFORD UNIVERSITY REP IN
DAR, RELEASED FOLLOWING STATEMENT TO PRESS JULY 26:

BEGIN TEXT

STATEMENT BY DR. DAVID HAMBURG

STANDORD UNIVERSITY REPRESENTATIVE IN DAR ES SALAAM

I AM HAPPY TO REPORT THAT STEVEN SMITH WAS RELEASED UNHARMED
AND IN APPARENT GOOD HEALTH LAST NIGHT, FRIDAY, 25 JULY. HE
WAS RETURNED TO THE TANZANIAN SIDE OF LAKE TANGANYIKA AT ABOUT
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MIDNIGHT BY BOAT TO A POINT NEAR KIGOMA. HE IS EXPECTED TO

ARRIVE IN DAR ES SALAAM BY CHARTER AIRCRAFT AT APPROXIMATELY
1:00 P.M. THIS AFTERNOON. HE WILL BE ACCOMPANIED BY HIS
FATHER, JOSEPH SMITH, WHO WAS WAITING IN KIGOMA FOR HIS SON'S
RETURN.

STEVEN IS THE LAST OF THE FOUR STUDENTS TO BE RELEASED
SINCE THEIR CAPTURE ON MAY 19 FROM THE GOMBE STREAM RESEARCH
CENTER IN NORTHWESTERN TANZANIA. ON BEHALF OF ALL OF THE PARENTS
AND STANFORD UNIVERSITY, I CAN ONLY EXPRESS MY GENUINE RELIEF
AND GREAT DELIGHT OVER THE SAFE RETURN OF STEVEN AND THE FINAL
RESOLUTION OF WHAT HAS BEEN A VERY TRYING SITUATION. END TEXT

2. IN RESPONSE TO PRESS INQUIRIES: QTE THE AMERICAN AMBASSADOR,
W. BEVERLY CARTER, SAID THAT HE WAS DELIGHTED TO LEARN THE NEWS
OF STEVEN'S RELEASE AND VERY RELIEVED THAT ALL THE THE STUDENTS
HAVE FINALLY BEEN RETURNED SAFELY. UNQTE
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